

Sunday IN THE Country WITH George

April 28, 1996-Garrison, NY Governor Pataki's budget proposals are a disaster for all New Yorkers, especially those living with chronic physical and mental illnesses and disabilities, including people living with HIV/AIDS. Affected New Yorkers include children, seniors, youth, adult men & women, immigrants, and the poor. Many of us rely on our state's public assistance and public health care systems, especially in times of personal crisis and during the current economic stagnation and recession. Governor Pataki's budget will deny access to comprehensive, high-quality medical care, and to food, shelter, clothing, and medicine. We categorically reject the notion of a state fiscal crisis, which we believe has been intentionally created by tax reductions for affluent New Yorkers and corporations. The cost of these political priorities can literally be measured in people's lives, on our streets, in our health care and social welfare institutions, and in our cemeteries. ■

**ACT UP, HOUSING WORKS,
WHAM! and OTHER
CITIZENS OF NEW YORK**

**WE COME TOGETHER TODAY IN
GARRISON TO DEMAND THE FOLLOWING
OF OUR GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE:**

**WE DEMAND ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY,
COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE:**

- **NO CUTS TO MEDICAID!**
- **NO MANDATORY MEDICAID MANAGED CARE!**
- **NO BLOCK GRANTS FOR HOME CARE, MENTAL HEALTH CARE, SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT, AND INDIGENT CARE!**
- **INCREASE DRUG TREATMENT-ON-DEMAND!**

**WE DEMAND A PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SYSTEM
WHICH TREATS PEOPLE WITH DIGNITY:**

- **NO TIME LIMITS FOR AFDC & HOME RELIEF!**
- **NO CUTS TO GRANT LEVELS!**
- **NO BLOCK GRANTS FOR AFDC & HOME RELIEF!**
- **NO PENALTIES FOR NEW BABIES!**
- **NO CASE CLOSINGS WITHOUT DUE PROCESS!**
- **NO MANDATORY "WORKFARE"!**
- **NO LUMP-SUM "FLAT GRANTS" FOR SHELTERS!**

WE DEMAND COMPREHENSIVE HIV/AIDS CARE

- **RESTORE THE RECENT CUTS TO ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program)!**
- **FULLY-FUND ADAP TO COVER NEW TREATMENTS!**
- **NO MANDATORY HIV TESTING FOR NEWBORNS, PREGNANT WOMEN, & THE ACCUSED!**
- **FULLY-RESTORE THE AIDS INSTITUTE!**
- **EXPAND NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS & LEGALIZE SYRINGE SALES!**
- **INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DESIGNATED AIDS CENTERS!**
- **EXPAND ANONYMOUS TESTING! REQUIRE "UNIQUE IDENTIFIER CODES" FOR ALL AIDS CASES!**
- **ENFORCE AIDS CURRICULUM MANDATES!**
- **ENSURE PARTICIPATION & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN SETTING AIDS POLICIES!**



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"Sunday in the Country with George"

A Statewide Demonstration to Protest

Governor Pataki's Policies on AIDS, Health Care, and Welfare

April 28, 1996

Welcome to Garrison, New York, where Governor George Pataki makes his home.

We're New Yorkers from the Hudson Valley, Long Island, the Capital District, Western New York, Central New York, the Northern Tier, the Southern Tier, and the Big Apple. Tell us the name of your home-town neighborhood in New York!

May We Help You Today?

- Do you need someone to help you get around? Do you need a wheel chair?

- Do you want to ride in the demonstration rather than walk? Or, if after walking to the Governor's front drive, you want to ride back to the parking lot, we will provide a vehicle.

- Need first aid? Emergency food or drink? Ask a Committee person, and we will try to help.

How You Can Help Today:

- Carry a banner or a sign. Participate in the die-in and chants. Talk to the media. Deposit your demands in Pataki's mail box.

- Volunteer to help other participants (register with the Welcoming Committee).

- Offer your car in an emergency (please register).

- For safety, don't leave the demonstration area alone; stay with the group.

Can You Jump? Join the experts from Housing Works as they protest Pataki's AIDS, Health-Care, and Welfare policies and jump rope at the same time.

Why We're Visiting the Governor in Garrison

To Pressure George Pataki to Save Our Safety Net - Save ADAP (the AIDS Drug Assistance Program), Save Medicaid, and Save Welfare. We have requested a meeting with the Governor at 1:30 today in the relaxed, informal setting of his lovely home to discuss his alarming budget proposals.

"Governor Pataki receives more welfare than most of us, including . . . free transportation, subsidized nursing-home care for his [recently deceased] father, and more than \$40,000 in tax write-offs for his real estate holdings." (Public Interest Projects, Inc.)

We cannot stand by as budget problems threaten the lives of New Yorkers. Repeal tax cuts; no corporate welfare; no added benefits to the rich. Save Our Safety Net!

We are united in our opposition to Pataki's cruel budget and his intimately linked AIDS, health-care, and welfare policies.

We petition the Governor to support progressive policies to benefit all New Yorkers who depend on New York State's health-care and welfare safety nets, including people living with HIV/AIDS and disabilities as well as seniors, children, youth, women, immigrants, and low-income people.

- We demand that Governor Pataki support public health programs and preserve Medicaid.

- We demand that Governor Pataki preserve and strengthen public assistance programs.

- We demand that Governor Pataki support vital AIDS programs.

Without ADAP, We're Dead

Smile for the Camera - A

Reminder: our friends are here to video tape and photograph for your safety; the media are here to help publicize the issues; state, railroad, and local police are here with their cameras for their own reasons.

First Aid: provided by Garrison Ambulance Corps. Also on hand will be Mel Stevens, R.N., of ACT UP/NY who will be carrying first-aid supplies in a back-pack emblazoned with a red cross superimposed on a pink triangle. (He's got wheel chairs too.)

Toilets: portable toilets at south end of parking lot; two toilets in Guinan's Bar on the west side of the tracks; two gas stations in Garrison north of St. Philip's Church on Route 9D.

Food and Water: restaurants in Cold Spring (north) and Peekskill (south) on Route 9D; Guinan's Bar on the west side of the tracks; a gas station on Route 9D north of St. Philip's Church has a small grocery; emergency provisions with members of the Committee.

Metro-North Schedule: trains south to New York City leave at 42 minutes past the hour; trains north to Poughkeepsie leave at 13 minutes past the hour.

When You Get Home: call on weekdays or write your representatives in Albany (800 number courtesy of NYS AFL-CIO Save Our State Project).

Governor George Pataki
State Capitol
Executive Chambers
Albany, New York 12224
(800) 767-6336 say "one" or
(518) 474-8390 or
(212) 417-2100

State Senator or
Assembly Member
Legislative Office Building
Albany, New York 12248

New York State Senate
(800) 767-6336 say "two" or
(518) 455-2800
(or local number)

New York State Assembly
(800) 767-6336 say "three" or
(518) 455-4100
(or local number)

To find out who represents you, call your local Board of Elections, or call the League of Women Voters at (800) 836-6975 or (212) 674-8484.

Alert the Media! Call the press and TV/radio stations back home, and tell them who you visited in Garrison and what you had to say.

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A Big THANK-YOU to the residents of Putnam County for their warm welcome.

If you are not registered with the Welcoming Committee, be sure that you are on our mailing lists/phone trees by calling (212) 642-5499.

Please help ACT UP, Housing Works, and WHAM! pay for "Sunday in the Country with George."

HELP SAVE ADAP

The Problem

The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) needs \$25 million from the New York State Legislature to offer protease inhibitors and restore medications, vitamins, and nutritional supplements cut in January. ADAP, which provides care for 10,000 New Yorkers, started to run out of money, and was forced to make drastic cuts. \$25 million would restore the cuts and provide protease inhibitors.

The Answer

Assemblymember Richard Gottfried (D, Manhattan) and Senator Catherine Abate (D, Manhattan) are working to save ADAP. Assemblymember Gottfried and Senator Roy Goodman (R, Manhattan) introduced bills in the Assembly (A8745) and Senate (S6201) for the money we need. **MOST SENATORS AND ASSEMBLY-MEMBERS ARE DOING NOTHING.** Make life hell in Albany until they pass these bills. Don't call once, call daily or weekly until we have victory.

The Legislators will tell you they are "concerned" about ADAP. Forget "concerned", we want action! Demand that they co-sponsor the bills, stand up, and be counted. Tell them to get the bill out of committee, co-sponsor it and vote "yes" when it comes to a vote.

What You Can Do

Check the list on the back of this flyer to see if your Senator and Assemblymember are already on board. Don't know who represents you in Albany? Call your local League of Women Voters (they're in the phone book), and they'll tell you in minutes.

If your State Senator/Assemblymember is a sponsor:

Call or write to thank them, then make Senator Bruno (President of the Senate) and Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver your project. **NEITHER IS CO-SPONSORING.** Call daily or weekly. Demand they sponsor the bills, get them out of committee and vote "yes" on them. Follow the script below.

If your State Senator/Assemblymember is NOT sponsoring:

Call or write to demand why they aren't. Too many Democratic Senators sponsoring a bill can cause the Republican Senators to sink it. Have a Democratic Senator? Instead of sponsoring, ask them to move the bills out of committee and vote "yes" on them. Republican Senators and all Assemblymembers have no excuse for not co-sponsoring. Make their lives hell.

What To Say:

1. **Call the Assembly/Senate: (800) 767-6336.** Say: "I am calling to talk to the staffer who is assigned to AIDS or health policy. Is there someone assigned to work on the AIDS Drug Assistance Program?" Write this person's name down.
2. Ask if the Senator/Assemblymember has signed on to sponsor the bills (A8745/S6201).
3. If the Senator/Assemblymember is sponsoring, thank them. Start calling Senator Bruno (President of the Senate) and Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver.
4. If the Senator/Assemblymember is not sponsoring, say "I live in your district, and I want the Senator/Assemblymember to sponsor the bill, get it out of committee and vote 'yes' on it when it comes to a vote. Why isn't the Senator/Assemblymember sponsoring already?" Tell the staffer what it would mean for you and those you love if the ADAP programs do not get this money (no protease inhibitors, no restoration of nutritional supplements or medications).
5. Tell the staffer that you will call in a week for an update, and that you will be urging your friends and family members to call, also. Call constantly, make them part of your weekly routine until we win.

ACT UP ** FIGHT BACK **** FIGHT AIDS**

Assemblymembers Sponsoring A8745

Bronx

Arroyo, Dem
Dinowitz, Dem
Greene, Dem
Ramirez, Dem
Rivera, Dem

Brooklyn

Barbaro, Dem
Boyland, Dem
Brennan, Dem
Dugan, Dem
Feldman, Dem
Green, Dem
Griffith, Dem
Jacobs, Dem
Lopez, Dem
Ortiz, Dem
Polonetsky, Dem
Townsend, Dem
Weinstein, Dem
Vann, Dem

Manhattan

Diaz, Dem
Glick, Dem
Gottfried, Dem
Grannis, Dem
Murtaugh, Dem
Sanders, Dem
Stringer, Dem
Sullivan, E., Dem

Queens

Aubry, Dem, Corona
Clark, Dem, Jamaica
Cook, Dem, S. Ozone Park
Katz, Dem, Forest Hills
Lafayette, Dem, Jackson Hgts
McLaughlin, Dem, Flushing
Meeks, Dem, Far Rockaway
Nolan, Dem, Ridgewood
Pheffer, Dem, Rockaway Beach
Scarborough, Dem, St. Albans

Staten Island

Connelly, Dem, Staten Island
Long Island
DiNapoli, Dem, Great Neck
Englebright, Dem, E. Setauket
Harenberg, Dem, Oakdale
Hill, Dem, Hempstead
Sidikman, Dem, Plainview
Sweeney, R., Rep, Lindenhurst
Weisenberg, Dem, Long Beach

Mid-Hudson

Hochberg, Dem, Scarsdale

Upstate

Canestrari, Dem, Troy
Eve, Dem, Buffalo
Gantt, Dem, Rochester
Hoyt, Dem, Buffalo
John, Dem, Rochester
Luster, Dem, Ithaca
McEneny, Dem, Albany
Morelle, Dem, Rochester
Robach, Dem, Rochester
Tokasz, Dem, Buffalo

Assemblymembers NOT Sponsoring A8745

Bronx

Davis, Dem
Espada, Dem
Klein, Dem
Kaufman, Dem

Brooklyn

Abbate, Dem
Genovesi, Dem
Hikind, Dem
Lentol, Dem
Norman, Dem
Perry, Dem

Manhattan

Farrell, Dem
Ravitz, Dem
Silver, Dem
Wright, Dem

Queens

Butler, Dem, Long Isl. City
Crowley, Dem, Elmhurst
Mayersohn, Dem, Flushing
Prescott, Rep, Bayside
Seminario, Dem, Richmond Hill
Weprin, Dem, Bayside

Staten Island

Stranieri, Rep
Vitaliano, Dem

Long Island

Acampora, Rep, Riverhead
Alfano, Rep, Franklin Sq.
Balboni, Rep, Westbury
Barraga, Rep, West Islip
Boyle, Rep, Bayshore
Conte, Rep, Huntington Sta.
Ferrara, Rep, Westbury
Flanagan, Rep, Northport
Healey, Rep, Massapequa
Herbst, Rep, Hicksville
Mazzarelli, Rep, Patchogue
Muscarella, Rep, Franklin Sq.
O'Shea, Bellmore
Thiele, Rep, Wainscott
Wertz, Rep, Smithtown

Mid-Hudson

Bonacic, Rep, Middletown
Brodsky, Dem, Scarsdale
Calhoun, Rep, New Windsor
Colman, Dem, Pearl River
Faso, Rep, West Coxsackie
Gunther, Dem, Monticello
Galef, Dem, Ossining
Gromack, Dem, New City
Guerin, Rep, Kingston
Kirwan, Rep, Newburgh
Manning, Rep, Hopewell Junct.
Matusow, Dem, Mt. Kisco
Miller, Rep, Poughkeepsie
Pretlow, Dem, Mt. Vernon
Spano, Rep, Yonkers
Stephens, Rep, Carmel
Tocci, Dem, New Rochelle

Assemblymembers NOT Sponsoring A8745

Upstate

Alesi, Rep, Fairport
Anderson, Rep, Williamsville
Bragman, Dem, N. Syracuse
Brown, Rep, Camillus
Casale, A., Rep, Herkimer
Casale, P., Rep, Mechanicville
Christensen, Dem, Syracuse
D'Andrea, Rep, Saratoga Spgs
Davidsen, Rep, Bath
Destito, Dem, Utica
Dinga, Rep, Johnson City
Doran, Rep, Geneva
Fessenden, Rep, Auburn
Johnson, Rep, Rochester
Keane, Dem, Buffalo
King, Rep, Glens Falls
Magee, Dem, Oneida
Mahoney, Rep, Syracuse
McGee, Rep, Olean
Nesbitt, Rep, Brockport
Nortz, Rep, Watertown
Oaks, Rep, Lyons
O'Neil, Rep, Lowville
Orloff, Rep, Plattsburgh
Parment, Dem, Jamestown
Pillittere, Dem, Niagara Falls
Pordum, Dem, Blasdell
Prentiss, Rep, Ballston Lake
Rappleysa, Rep, Norwich
Reynolds, Rep, Buffalo
Schimminger, Dem, Kenmore
Seaman, Rep, Lockport
Sullivan, F., Rep, Fulton
Tedisco, Rep, Schenectady
Tonko, Dem, Amsterdam
Townsend, Rep, Oriskany
Warner, Rep, Binghamton
Winner, Rep, Elmira
Wirth, Rep, West Seneca

Senators Sponsoring S6201

Manhattan

Abate, Dem
Goodman, Rep
Leichter, Dem

Senators NOT Sponsoring S6201

Bronx

Gonzalez, Dem
Espada, Dem
Galiber, Dem
Velella, Rep

Brooklyn

Babbush, Dem
Connor, Dem
DiCarlo, Rep
Kruger, Dem
Markowitz, Dem
Montgomery, Dem
Santiago, Dem
Solomon, Dem

Manhattan

Mendez, Dem
Patterson, Dem

Queens

Gold, Dem, Forest Hills
Maltese, Rep, Glendale
Onorato, Dem, Long Isl. City
Padavan, Rep, Bellerose
Smith, Dem, S. Ozone Park
Stavisky, Dem, Flushing
Waldon, Dem, St. Albans

Staten Island

Marchi, Rep

Long Island

Hannon, Rep, Westbury
Johnson, Rep, Babylon
Lack, Rep, Hauppauge
LaValle, Rep, Selden
Levy, Rep, Freeport
Skalos, Rep, Rockville Ctr
Trunzo, Rep, Hauppauge
Tully, Rep, Floral Park

Mid-Hudson

Cook, Rep, Delhi
Holland, Rep, Nanuet
Larkin, Rep, New Windsor
Leibell, Rep, Carmel
Oppenheimer, Dem, Rye
Saland, Rep, Poughkeepsie
Spano, Rep, Yonkers

Upstate

Bruno, Rep, Saratoga Spgs
DeFrancisco, Rep, Syracuse
Dollinger, Dem, Rochester
Farley, Rep, Albany
Hoblock, Rep, Albany
Hoffman, Dem, Syracuse
Jones, Dem, Rochester
Kuhl, Rep, Bath
Libous, Rep, Binghamton
Maziarz, Rep, Lockport
Nanula, Dem, Buffalo
Nozzolio, Rep, Seneca Falls
Present, Rep, Jamestown
Rath, Rep, Williamsville
Sears, Rep, Lowville
Seward, Rep, Oneonta
Stachowski, Dem, Buffalo
Stafford, Rep, Plattsburgh
Volker, Rep, East Aurora
Wright, Rep, Watertown

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Re-Elect Pataki -- Mayor of Peekskill

Health care is a right,
Health care is a right.

Welfare is a right,
Welfare is a right.

ADAP is health care,
Health care is a right.

What do we want?
Health care for all.
When do we want it?
Now.

What do we want?
Save Medicaid.
When do we want it?
Now.

What do we want?
Save ADAP.
When do we want it?
Now.

Hey, George! What do we say?
Don't you take my health care away.

Hey, George! What do we say?
Don't you take my welfare away.

Hey, hey! What do we say?
More money for ADAP today.

Hey, hey! Ho, ho!
Block grants have got to go.

Hey, hey! Ho, ho!
Family caps have got to go.

Hey, hey! Ho, ho!
George Pataki's got to go.

Give me an "A" ("A")
Give me a "D" ("D")
Give me an "A" ("A")
Give me a "P" ("P")
What do we want? ADAP!
When do we want it? Now!

Cuts hurt all New Yorkers.
Save Medicaid now.

Cuts hurt all New Yorkers.
Save welfare now.

George says cut back.
We say fight back.

Health care for people,
not for profit.

Two, four, six, eight -
George Pataki kills our state.

Yo, George! Move your butt!
Cut out all these budget cuts.

Managed care
Is damaged care.

Test treatments,
Not babies.

Test treatments,
Not mothers.

Workfare
Ain't fair.

Stop the war
On the poor.

Time limit George!
Not the poor!

What do we want?
Single payer.
When do we want it?
Now.

What do we want?
Needle exchange.
When do we want it?
Now.

Stop George,
Not welfare.

Re-elect Pataki -
Mayor of Peekskill.

Pataki - you liar,
We will set your pants on fire.



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